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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MOFA OFFICIAL ON VIRTUES OF DROPPING UN DEBATE

1. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU DIRECTOR CHONG, IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER NOVEMBER 25, NOTED BENEFITS TO ROK FOREIGN RELATIONS FROM DISCONTINUING KOREA ITEM AT UNGA. HE OBSERVED THAT BREAKING OF THE TRADITION IN EFFECT SINCE 1948 HAD BEEN DIFFICULT, BUT THAT THE QUIET PERIOD IN THE UN HAD MADE IT EASIER FOR THE ROK TO STRENGTHEN ITS RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. NOW, CHONG COMMENTED, SINCE NATIONS CAN DEAL WITH THE ROK WITHOUT BECOMING SO DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN A UN DISPUTE THEY FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE ABOUT THE PROCESS.

2. FOR THE FUTURE, CHONG SAID, THE ROK WILL CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE THIRD WORLD, AND ON INCREASED ACTIVITY IN OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE FAO, WHO, AND UNESCO. HE THOUGHT THAT THE ROK WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE FURTHER PROGRESS IN BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS AND THAT IN FUTURE YEARS IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR NORTH KOREA TO CHALLENGE THE ROK IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

3. COMMENT: CHONG APPEARS TO HAVE LEARNED ABOUT MAKING
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A VIRTUE OF NECESSITY, BUT HIS OPTIMISM IS SIMILAR TO THAT DISPLAYED BY A NUMBER OF HIS COLLEAGUES, WHO HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATING CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE ROK'S DIPLOMATIC PROSPECTS.
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